# **Achieving Clarity**



Jim Collins (*Good to Great*) says, "...the inherent complexity [of social sectors' complex economic structures] requires deeper, more penetrating insight and rigorous clarity than in your average business entity." This ONEpage provides three highly-acclaimed sources that address the crucial question of achieving clarity. All three books are in the KPL collection.

## **Good to Great**

by Jim Collins (www.jimcollins.com)

You begin with <u>passion</u>, then you refine passion with a rigorous assessment of <u>what you can best contribute</u> to the communities you touch. Then you create a way to tie your <u>resource engine</u> directly to the other two circles.

#### The Five Most Important Questions You Will Ever Ask About Your Organization

by Peter F. Drucker (www.hesselbeininstitute.org/tools/sat)

What is our mission?
Who is our customer?

What does the customer value?

What are our results?

What is our plan?

# The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else in Business

by Patrick Lencioni (www.tablegroup.com/oh)

The Four Disciplines Model

- 1. Build a cohesive team
  - 2. Create clarity
  - 3. Overcommunicate clarity
  - 4. Reinforce clarity

## Six Critical Questions to Achieve Clarity (must be answered together)

- 1. Why do we exist? Employees in every organization, and at every level, need to know that at the heart of what they do lies something grand and aspirational.
- 2. How do we behave?

Core values (deduce these; they already exist – e.g., humor)

Aspirational values (ones we want to have – e.g., sense of urgency)

Permission to play values (minimum behavioral standards – e.g., integrity)

Accidental values (unintentional and often undesired – e.g., same economic status)

- 3. What do we do? Simply a description of what the organization does
- 4. How will we succeed? The organization's strategy.
- 5. <u>What is most important, right now?</u> The top priorities most immediate, most tangible impact.
- 6. Who must do what? Clear statement of responsibilities